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Hello.

Thanks to all "Hams" who filled comments "For" and "Against" the RM-10620 that left a great deal of ham's trapped in "limbo" with our a easy way out. A special thanks to the fellows who supported in part some of the "Requested" changes.

In my "RM" request I stressed that input from the "Ham" radio community was need Upon reading all of the input, I made several comments on the record about there others that sent in comments I was also shocked to see that a great number of "Ham" don't know the "true" history of rule changes for "ham" radio even from the 1929 era before the FCC when radio was regulated by the FRC! The several changes from the early days of "ham" radio regulation has not played well on the past era "General's" who lost (2) times in rule changes The early "Class A" and later the several steps down of the "Advanced" era to "General" has a long pattern in "Class War-fair" infighting between classes I was a bit upset to see several sets of remarks filled by "Extras" more or less calling the "Advanced" class liking them to "Truck Drivers", Citizen Band, and "FRS" in general The unfair remarks liking the Novices was also wrong in there remarks!

Remarks sent in stressed testing, however the lots of older fellows from about 1960's era took the same written exam as the extra! Then the exam was split from 4 to 4A 84B later However in the last major change 4A 84B was merged again to require testing again witch some of the fellows are also upset about the last (2) time in history they were lowered in class by rule changes. Most of the old fellows know "Tube's" and the new guys on the block know "solid state"! It's a mater of fact that they both know there own areas well! It's a mater of a "Broad" hobby with lots of areas of communications skills! The FCC stated in the last major rule change that the difference between the "Extra" Class and the "Advanced" Class was "MINIMAL"! Several Options came to light in this "RM" request. We hope the commission address several various options out for the trapped "Novice" and "Advanced" classes.

The ARRL made a minor mistake in there December posting on the WEB as this was a "Automatic" upgrade request The did get a correction out IN a rapid way on there members news letter Thanks to the ARRL for getting the correction Out!

Several readers who read the actual "RM" request, still sent in comments stressing the "Automatic" idea as new input to the commission.

Several e-mails were received here with "For" and "Against" Comments and several stressed they could not get into the FCC's - ECFS to file. Both the "For" & "Against" were sent to the commission electronic, and by "Regular" U.S Mail Again the Commissioners and the ARRL made some rapid corrections and posted it on the WEB so that the comments could be filled. Thanks again to the ARRL.

Nothing in my "RM" was set in "Cement", "Steel", or "Stone" it stressed input from the radio community need to help resolve of sorts! The input from others was good reading on how the commission should resolve the old "Generals" and the "Commercial - Part 13" exam problems. If other Federal Agency's extend full or some credit based upon Military [Suggested Hi-Level Electronics School's]/ Service Then why has the FCC failed this! The FCC could also take the issue up with a limited credit for "Ham" licenses based on some Commercial Part 13 Licenses that are held! Current FCC regulations make some credit for 1-C, and "Ham Extras" can give Part 13 exams. This need to be

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updated and addressed **by** the FCC

Thanks

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